

## REMARKS

In the Office Action dated 19 February 2003, claims 4, 6-8 and 10-13 were withdrawn from consideration and claims 1-3, 5, 9 and 14-16 were rejected. Applicant responded to that Office Action by a communication which was received by the office on May 23, 2003. Communication with the inventor prompts this supplemental amendment.

It is believed this supplemental amendment more clearly defines the invention over Rodgers U.S. 5,989,163. As previously pointed out, the Rodgers' device is a constant stride length walking exercise machine. The foot pedals move equally and oppositely through action of the belts 114 and 112. When a short stride is taken by one foot the other foot pedal can not move to a fully forward position. In applicant's exercise machine each foot pedal is in a full forward position at the beginning of each stride regardless of the length of stride just completed.

In using applicants device each stride starts at the same forward "line of departure" regardless of the length of the stride. The stride of one foot can be a different length than the length of the stride of the other foot. This variation in length of stride of one foot relative to the other is possible only with applicant's exerciser.

In view of the amendments and remarks above, Applicant submits that the elected species is patentable and requests examination of the remaining species.

Respectfully submitted,



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